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VORKUTA PLACE	94 AAF CHART NO	F-6 FN	EVAL IN CODE NO
KOMI ASSR POLITICAL LOCATION	US Citizen Interned in a Convict Laborer Camp DESCRIPTIVE NAME at VORKUTA		
NORTHWEST SOVIET ECON REGION	PROPER NAME	IMENI	MN & NO
Nov 52 - Dec 52 DATE OF INFO	BLOBELT, Alfred SOURCE	17 March 1954 DATE OF INTERVIEW	

PREAMBLE: While interned in Russian convict Laborer camp No. 40 at VORKUTA (67 30N/64 00E) from November 1952 to December 1952 SOURCE became acquainted with a US citizen (Waldemar PURLEY) who was transferred in November 1952 from a convict laborer transit camp at VORKUTA to the convict laborer camp No. 40. The information is based on SOURCE'S occasional conversations with this US citizen during the time from November 1952 to December 1952.

REFERENCE: SRI - E 3350

I. PERSONAL DATA OF A US CITIZEN INTERNED IN RUSSIAN CONVICT LABORER CAMP NO. 40 AT VORKUTA:

PURLEY, Waldemar: Approximately 38 years old, 1.72 meters high, dark hair and eyes, married. PURLEY was a member of the US Merchant Marine and was on a journey to FINLAND during the summer of 1952. On this occasion PURLEY went to REVAL (TALLIN) (59 26N/24 45E) in order to locate his parents who had been living there prior to the recent war. PURLEY was arrested by the Soviet MVD at REVAL during the summer of 1952. The MVD took PURLEY as an ESTONIAN and did not acknowledge his US nationality because of the ESTONIAN nationality of his parents. PURLEY was therefore accused of being a traitor and was sentenced to 25 years at hard labor. In September/October 1952 PURLEY was transferred to a Russian convict laborer transit camp at VORKUTA and in November 1952 to the convict laborer camp No. 40 at VORKUTA. SOURCE was transferred from convict laborer camp No. 40 to convict laborer camp No. 9/10 at VORKUTA in late December 1952. SOURCE heard from fellow internees that PURLEY was still interned in convict laborer camp No. 40 in June 1953 when he left subject area. No further information available by SOURCE.

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- COAL MINE #8 AND CONVICT LAB. CAMP #8
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- CONVICT LABORER TRANSIT CAMP
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- ⑰ MILITARY TYPE BARRACKS UND. CONSTR.
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- ⑲ SHOWER - BATH HOUSE
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